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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S PRESS STATEMENT

1. THE FOLLOWING PREPARED TEXT OF THE SECRETARY'S
PRESS STATEMENT ON POLAND DELIVERED 4:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME.
BEGIN TEXT:

- I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU TODAY OUR INFORMATION ON
THE POLISH SITUATION AND EXPLAIN OUR APPROACH ON THE
EVOLVING SITUATION THERE AS WE KNOW IT NOW.
- THE FACTS ARE THESE:
- -- EARLY THIS MORNING THE PM ANNOUNCED THAT POLISH
SECURITY FORCES BEGAN "INTERNING" SOLIDARITY, DISSIDENT
AND PARTY LEADERS IN WARSAW; WE HAVE REPORTS THAT SIMILAR
ACTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN IN OTHER POLISH CITIES AS WELL.
- -- SIMULTANEOUSLY POLISH COMMUNICATIONS WERE CUT
WITHIN THE COUNTRY AND WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD;
- -- POLISH SECURITY FORCES HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED TO
KEY OFFICES AND FACILITIES, INCLUDING UNION HEADQUARTERS.
- -- AIR TRAFFIC IN AND OUT OF POLAND HAS BEEN
RESTRICTED, AND FOR THE TIME BEING FOREIGNERS ARE NOT
BEING PERMITTED TO ENTER THE COUNTRY;
- -- IN SUM, WHAT AMOUNTS TO MARTIAL LAW HAS BEEN
INSTITUTED IN POLAND.
- OF COURSE, WE HAVE NO WAY OF PREDICTING WHAT THE
OUTCOME OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE.
- OUR CHARGE IN WARSAW HAS BEEN ASSURED BY A SENIOR
POLISH FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL AND THERE WILL BE NO RETURN
TO THE SITUATION WHICH EXISTED IN POLAND PRIOR TO AUGUST
1980. THAT, YOU WILL RECALL, IS WHEN THE GOVERNMENT
AGREED TO ACCEPT MAJOR REFORMS UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE
SOLIDARITY LABOR MOVEMENT. OUR CHARGE WAS TOLD BY THE
POLISH OFFICIAL TODAY THAT REFORMS WOULD CONTINUE. THAT,
OF COURSE, REMAINS TO BE SEEN.
- PENDING FURTHER INFORMATION, IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO
SAY TOO MUCH AT THIS TIME. NEVERTHELESS, I MUST
EMPHASIZE THAT WE ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE
DECISION TO IMPOSE MARTIAL LAW; AS WE HAVE SAID BEFORE,
THE POLITICAL EXPERIMENT UNDER WAY IN POLAND SHOULD BE
ALLOWED TO PROCEED UNIMPEDED. THE POTENTIAL INSTABILITIES
IN POLAND WHICH COULD ARISE FROM THE IMPOSITION OF
MARTIAL LAW ARE OBVIOUS TO ALL.
- FOR THIS REASON, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
REITERATES THAT THE POLISH PEOPLE SHOULD FIND A SOLUTION
TO THEIR CURRENT DIFFICULTIES THROUGH A PROCESS OF
NEGOTIATION AND COMPROMISE AMONG THE PARTIES INVOLVED.
ABOVE ALL, THEY SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO DO SO WITHOUT
ANY OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE. END TEXT. HAIG
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